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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM JURICH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, TW, KS

SUBJECT: COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM WITH ROC

REF: STATE 234898, 241119, 242934, 243685; TAIPEI 6676

1. IN VIEW REFTELS AND ESPECIALLY STATE 243685, JURICH AND MEMBERS US TEXTILE DELEGATION BELIEVE US DELEGATION SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT TAIPEI AT THIS TIME AND, ACCORDINGLY, THE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN TAIPEI'S 6676 SHOULD BE CANCELLED. WHILE IT HAS BEEN A LONG STANDING USG POLICY NOT REPEAT NOT TO CONNECT THE TEXTILE IMPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM WITH OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WE BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL SERIOUSNESS OF THE COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM WITH TAIPEI THIS IS SIMPLY NOT REPEAT NOT THE TIME FOR THE US TO MAKE FURTHER LIBERALIZING CONCESSIONS ON THE TERMS OF THE NEW TEXTILE BILATERAL. WE STILL DO NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM AND THE US/ROC BILATERAL, BUT WE WOULD NOT BE UPSET IF THE ROC, BY JURICH'S SUDDEN CANCELLATION OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO TAIPEI, IN ITS OWN MIND SENSED SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO ISSUES.

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2. MICHAEL B. SMITH, CHIEF, FIBERS AND TEXTILES DIVISION
IN STATE IS PREPARED TO VISIT TAIPEI TO DISCUSS THE COTTON
CONTRACT PROBLEM WITH THE EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE ROC OFFICIALS.
HE WILL ARRIVE FROM SEOUL ON SATURDAY, NOV 9, VIA CX NO. 411 AT
1945 HOURS AND WOULD BE READY TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY,
ON SUNDAY IF NECESSARY, WITH EMBASSY AND ROC OFFICIALS. HE CAN
REMAIN IN TAIPEI UNTIL WEDNESDAY, NOV 13. ACCORDINGLY, THE
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE A SCHEDULE FOR SMITH FOR
THESE COTTON CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS, AND JURICH BELIEVES IT
WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE FIRST ROC APPOINTMENT IS MADE WITH
H.(. SHAO (WE PRESUME THAT SHAO HAS BY THIS TIME
RECEIVED A REPORT FROM MINISTER SUN PER STATE'S 242394 AND
THAT HE IS THEREFORE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM). SMITH
WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS EMBASSY
MAY HAVE REGARDING APPOINTMENTS WITH ROC OFFICIALS.

3. IF WHEN THE EMBASSY ADVISES ROC THAT JURICH NOT ARRIVING,
THE ROC ASK FOR A REASON, WE WOULD SUGGEST EMBASSY STATE THAT JURICH
WAS CALLED BACK TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF PRESSING MATTERS
ELSEWHERE. IF THE ROC ASKS WHY GAREL NOT ARRIVING, WE
WOULD SUGGEST THE SAME ANSWER BE GIVEN.
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